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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, lines 3 and 4, replace the sentence with:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US 99/07562, filed April 7, 1999, now pending, which claims priority benefit to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/081,148 filed April 9, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-10.

Add the following claims:

11. An isolated polynucleotide comprising:

(a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide and the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, or SEQ ID NO:24 have at least 95% identity based on the Clustal alignment method, or

(b) the complement of the nucleotide sequence.

12. The polynucleotide of Claim 11, wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide and the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID